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## Sen. Hardiman receives MAHP Legislator of the Year Award

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**LANSING** – Sen. Bill Hardiman, R-Kentwood, was awarded the Michigan Association of Health Plans' Legislator of the Year Award last week at their 20th Annual Summer Conference.

Hardiman was selected to receive the award for outstanding leadership, advocacy and commitment in working with the health care community.

"I appreciate all the work MAHP has done for the citizens of Michigan to make quality health care affordable," Hardiman said. "I am truly honored to have been selected as the recipient of this distinguished award."

Hardiman was selected based on his work as the main sponsor of Senate Bills 1150 and 88, designed to provide residents of Michigan with more affordable health care choices. He also sponsored legislation to help ensure that blood lead-screening is provided in a meaningful and timely way to protect Michigan's children. Additionally, Hardiman's leadership helped assure that necessary medical transportation services continue to be provided.

MAHP established the Legislator of the Year Award to recognize the advocacy of key legislators whose vision and initiatives help MAHP further its mission to provide leadership for the promotion and advocacy of high quality, affordable and accessible health care for the citizens of Michigan.